

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13-15 and 17, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 4, 8, 12, 16 and 18 as follows.

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)

4. **(Currently Amended)** The bead chain according to claim 3,

A bead chain which comprises:

a plurality of beads of a specific shape threaded onto a string or cord to form a chain;

buttons fixed at both ends of the string or cord disposed to join said bead chain,

a plurality of spacers inserted between the plurality of beads to form an alternating  
pattern,

wherein the outer surfaces of said spacers are engraved with characters,

wherein said characters engraved on the outer surfaces of the spacers are lections, and

wherein said characters engraved on the outer surfaces of the spacers are Sanskrit or  
Tibetan characters and the corresponding Chinese characters of lections.

5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The bead chain according to claim 7,~~

A bead chain, which comprises:

a plurality of beads of a specific shape threaded onto a string or cord to form a chain;

buttons fixed at both ends of the string or cord disposed to join said bead chain,

a plurality of spacers inserted between the plurality of beads to form an alternating pattern,

wherein the outer surfaces of said spacers are engraved with characters,

wherein said characters engraved on the outer surfaces of the spacers are lections, and

wherein said characters engraved on the outer surfaces of the spacers are Sanskrit or

Tibetan characters and the corresponding Chinese characters of lections.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The bead chain according to claim 11,~~

A bead chain, comprising:

a plurality of beads, each bead having a drilled through hole;

a plurality of spacers, each spacer having a drilled through hole;

a cord, said cord being threaded through said through holes of said beads and spacers to form a chain, said beads and spacers being positioned in alternating pattern;

a first connector at first end of said chain;

a second connector at second end of said chain,

wherein the outer surfaces of said spacers are engraved with characters,

wherein said characters engraved on the outer surfaces of the spacers are lections, and  
wherein said characters engraved on the outer surfaces of the spacers are Sanskrit or  
Tibetan characters and the corresponding Chinese characters of lections.

13. (Canceled)
14. (Canceled)
15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) ~~The bead chain according to claim 15,~~  
A bead chain, comprising:  
a plurality of beads, each bead having a drilled through hole;  
a plurality of spacers, each spacer having a drilled through hole;  
a cord, said cord being threaded through said through holes of said beads and spacers  
to form a chain, said beads and spacers being positioned in alternating pattern;  
a first connector at first end of said chain;  
a second connector at second end of said chain,  
wherein the outer surfaces of said spacers are engraved with characters,  
wherein said characters engraved on the outer surfaces of the spacers are lections, and  
wherein said characters engraved on the outer surfaces of the spacers are Sanskrit or  
Tibetan characters and the corresponding Chinese characters of lections.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The bead chain according to claim 15,~~  
A bead chain, comprising:  
a plurality of beads, each bead having a drilled through hole;  
a plurality of spacers, each spacer having a drilled through hole;  
a cord, said cord being threaded through said through holes of said beads and spacers  
to form a chain, said beads and spacers being positioned in alternating pattern;  
a first connector at first end of said chain;  
a second connector at second end of said chain,  
wherein the outer surfaces of said spacers are engraved with characters,  
wherein said characters engraved on the outer surfaces of the spacers are lections, and  
wherein the number of spacers corresponds to the number of words in a paragraph of lection.